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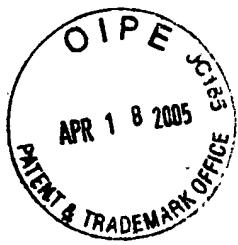
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Response

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, applicants elect the species of Figure 1, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the structure of Figs. 1 and 2 are equivalent. Both structures have a male-female element as a joint. In fig. 1, the male component is within the plastic layer while Fig. 2, the female component is within the plastic layer. There is no patentable distinction between the species of Fig. 1 and Fig. 2.

It would be unreasonable for applicants to have two separate patents to the same invention when the primary patentable distinction resides in the point.

Furthermore, the inventions were made at the same time with the difference being that Fig. 2 has an additional polymer layer.

It is therefore requested that the examination be conducted with regard to the subject matter of Figs. 1 and 2.

With regard to election in the second group of species, applicants provisionally elect glass, with traverse.

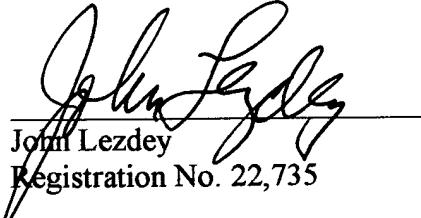
The Examiner's attention is drawn to the fact that applicants have a large number of patents issued in the United States and Europe wherein glass and plastic in glazing units are considered to be equivalent since at least 1987. For example, the Examiner's attention is directed to Patent No. 4,663,228 wherein the laminates comprise glass, ionomer and polycarbonate.

Also, attention is directed to Patent No. 3,888,032 to others wherein the glazing unit comprises glass, polycarbonate and polyurethane. One skilled in the art recognizes the equivalency of glass and plastics in glazing units.

The Examiner is requested to give full faith and credit to the other Examiners considering the equivalency between glass and plastic in glazing units.

Reconsideration and favorable action are earnestly solicited.

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